

receiving an additional code, via a keypad, from a user;
passing said additional code to said comparator;
comparing said additional code with said reference code;
disabling a system which supports causing ignition in an engine of said motor vehicle, if agreement between said additional code and said reference code is not detected prior to said payment due deadline, wherein said system includes only components not dedicated to directly causing a spark to initiate combustion; and
enabling said system if agreement between said additional code and said reference code is detected.

22. A system for enabling and disabling a motor vehicle in response to timely payments being made comprising:

a disabling module connected to a system that supports causing ignition in an engine of said motor vehicle;

a control module in communication with said disabling module; and

means for periodically receiving a code from a keypad and transmitting said code to said control module,

wherein said control module comprises:

a comparator;

a reference code providing module, said comparator being operable for comparing reference codes with received codes and triggering events in response thereto, and

said reference code providing module being operable for periodically providing reference codes to said comparator wherein said reference codes correspond to payments which are to be made;

wherein said disabling module disables the system that supports causing ignition when said code is not in agreement with said reference code before a predetermined time exceeds a predetermined deadline, and

wherein the system that supports causing ignition includes only components not dedicated to directly causing a spark to initiate combustion.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 have been canceled and claims 21-22 are new. Claims 21-22 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,969,633 to Rosler. This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-20 in this response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on April 27, 2000. As discussed in the interview, claims 21-22 are not suggested or taught by the art of record.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such